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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
NOZOMI SAWADA : EXAMINER: NOT YET ASSIGNED  
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. APPLICATION :  
FILED: HEREWITH : GROUP ART UNIT: 2852  
FOR: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS, :  
IMAGE FORMING METHOD AND :  
COMPUTER-READABLE STORAGE  
MEDIUM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.